## [No. 249]

## (SB 516)

AN ACT to amend 1975 PA 228, entitled "An act to provide for the imposition, levy, computation, collection, assessment and enforcement, by lien or otherwise, of taxes on certain commercial, business, and financial activities; to prescribe the manner and times of making certain reports and paying taxes; to prescribe the powers and duties of public officers and state departments; to permit the inspection of records of taxpayers; to provide for interest and penalties on unpaid taxes; to provide exemptions, credits, and refunds; to provide penalties; to provide for the disposition of funds; to provide for the interrelation of this act with other acts; and to provide an appropriation," (MCL 208.1 to 208.145) by adding section 39d.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

## 208.39d Low-grade hematite consumed in industrial or manufacturing process; tax credit.

Sec. 39d. (1) For tax years that begin after December 31, 2000, a taxpayer may claim a credit against the tax imposed by this act equal to \$1.00 per long ton of qualified low-grade hematite consumed in an industrial or manufacturing process that is the business activity of the taxpayer.

- (2) If the credit allowed under this section for the tax year and any unused carry-forward of the credit allowed under this section exceed the tax liability of the taxpayer for the tax year, the excess shall not be refunded, but may be carried forward as an offset to the tax liability in subsequent tax years for 5 tax years or until the excess credit is used up, whichever occurs first.
- (3) The credit under this section shall be based on low-grade hematite consumed on and after January 1, 2000.
  - (4) As used in this section:
- (a) "Consumed in an industrial or manufacturing process" means a process in which low-grade hematite is used as a raw material in the production of pig iron or steel.
- (b) "Low-grade hematite" means any hematitic iron formation that is not of sufficient quality in its original mineral state to be mined and shipped for the production of pig iron or steel without first being drilled, blasted, crushed, and ground very fine to liberate the iron minerals and for which additional beneficiation and agglomeration are required to produce a product of sufficient quality to be used in the production of pig iron or steel.
- (c) "Qualified low-grade hematite" means pellets produced from low-grade hematitic iron ore mined in the United States.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect. Approved January 7, 2002. Filed with Secretary of State January 8, 2002.